IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.) No. 01-cr-40036-004 JPC
DIMARCUS TARAH TABB,)
Defendant.)

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on defendant Dimarcus Tarah Tabb's second *pro se* motion for a reduction of his criminal sentence pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) (Doc. 204) and motion for appointment of counsel (Doc. 205). He asks the Court to reduce his sentence using the discretion recognized by *Kimbrough v. United States*, 552 U.S. 85 (2007), and confirmed by *Spears v. United States*, 129 S. Ct. 840 (2009), and *United States v. Knox*, 573 F.3d 441 (7th Cir. 2009). Each of those cases, however, involved a direct review of a criminal sentence that was not yet final, not a reduction pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) after a sentence had become final, as is the case with Tabb. Those cases do not authorize the Court to reduce Tabb's sentence.

Tabb believes 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) itself authorizes the Court to exercise its *Kimbrough* discretion to reduce his sentence. However, in an order dated June 9, 2009 (Doc. 201), the Court explained that 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2) only authorizes a reduction where "a defendant . . . has been sentenced to a term of imprisonment based on a sentencing range that has subsequently been lowered by the Sentencing Commission pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 994(o)." As that order explained, Tabb's sentencing range had not been lowered and, as a consequence, the Court lacked subject matter jurisdiction to reduce his sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582(c)(2).

See United States v. Lawrence, 535 F.3d 631, 637-38 (7th Cir. 2008); United States v. Forman, 553 F.3d 585, 588 (7th Cir.), cert. denied, 129 S. Ct. 2817 (2009).

For the reasons set forth in the Court's June 9, 2009 order (Doc. 201), the Court **DISMISSES** the pending motion for a reduction (Doc. 205) for **lack of jurisdiction**. As the presence of counsel would not have made a difference in this result, the Court **DENIES** Tabb's motion for appointment of counsel (Doc. 205).

IT IS SO ORDERED. DATED: October 16, 2009.

s/ J. Phil Gilbert

J. PHIL GILBERT

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE